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Officers of the Association :

ELDER W. H. MOORE, Richmondlee, Miss., Moderator,
STEVE H. TURNER, Mantachie, Miss., Clerk.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Evergreen, Miss., Treasurer.

Ministerial Register :

Elder W. J. Thomas, W. C., Abney, Miss.
Elder J. J. Turner, P., Mantachie, Miss.
Elder S. S. Houston, Kirkville, Miss.
Elder W. H. Moore, P., Richmondlee, Miss.
Elder W. A. Reynolds, P., Mantachie, Miss.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 10th.

The Forty-fourth Session of the Judson Baptist Association convened with Boguefala church, September 10th, 1896. By request, Eld. A. V. Rowe preached the Annual Sermon. Text: John 4th chapter, 35th and 36th verses. A recess of one hour was taken for refreshment. Benediction by Eld. S. G. Cooper.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing "Amazing Grace." Eld. W. A. Reynolds read the 34th Psalm; prayer by Eld. J. M. Goolsby.

Our Moderator having gone to his reward, Eld. W. J. Thomas was called to the chair, temporarily. Eld. S. G. Cooper and Bro. J. A. Taylor were appointed reading clerks.

The churches were called and twelve responded by letter and delegation. The letters were read and names of delegates enrolled. The Association then went into an election for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Eld. W. H. Moore was elected Moderator; Steve H. Turner, Clerk; J. M. Armstrong, Treasurer; Eld. S. G. Cooper and H. Hurt acting as tellers. The following correspondents and visitors were received, to-wit: Elder S. G. Cooper and Bro. B. Hampton, from West Judson; Elder A. V. Rowe, from State work; Eld. H. Hurt, Baptist Layman; Bro. J. A. Taylor, from West Judson. The same order of business as last year was adopted. The following committees were appointed, to-wit:

On Devotion: P. J. Maxwell, H. C. Rushing and A. J. Sanders, together with the deacons of this church.

On Missions: W. A. Reynolds, W. L. Hopkins, P. T. Wallace,

On Obituaries: J. J. Turner, W. J. Thomas, C. S. Gregory.

On Finance: J. A. Williams, J. M. Armstrong, J. A. Martin.

On Ministerial Education: J. J. Turner. P. J. Mattox, J. L. Bailey.

On Temperance: J. M. Goolsby, S. B. Thomas, T. Powell.

On State of Religion: J. M. Armstrong, B. Lesley, R. J. Biggers.

On Baptist Institutions: W. A. Reynolds, R. S. Thomas, L. B. Davall.

On Literature: L. P. McCarty, B. F. Gregory, J. T. Howerton.

On Documents: H. Gregory, J. A. Williams, E. E. Estes,

On Music: W. L. Hopkins, B. F. Hill, W. H. Mings.

On Resolutions: W. M. Gardner, J. T. Brown, W. C. Parker.

Devotional committee reported that Eld. W. A. Reynolds preach at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

By motion adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning. Benediction by Eld. A. V. Rowe.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 11th.

The Association came together at 9 o'clock by singing that good old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." The Moderator read the 41st Psalm; prayer by Eld. W. J. Thomas. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The letters of Mt. Vernon, Hopewell and Pleasant Hill were handed in, read and names of delegates enrolled. By motion, set 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning for the report on Missions. By motion suspend the regular order of business. Friendship was selected as the place for the next meeting of this body.

Eld. J. M. Goolsby was appointed to preach the Annual sermon, W. A. Reynolds, alternate. J. M. Armstrong, J. A. Williams, Henry Gregory, J. L. Bagley and S. H. Turner were elected as the Executive Board. By motion adjourned to 1:30 o'clock for preaching and refreshments. Benediction by Elder J. M. Goolsby. During recess Eld. W. A. Reynolds preached an interesting sermon to a large and attentive congregation, from Phillippians, 1st chapter and 21st verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together at 2 o'clock by singing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The Moderator read the first fifteen verses of the 2d chapter of 1st Peter; Prayer by Eld. S. G. Cooper. Eld. Noah Clayton was received as a correspondent from the Tom Bigbee Association.

R. S. Thomas, J. P. Maddox, James Gregory, S. H. Turner and S. S. Houston were elected as the Sunday School Board. By motion resume the regular order of business. J. J. Turner read the following report on obituaries:

We find that we have lost sixteen by death as follows: From Boguesfala, sisters J. A. Ballard, Julia Beene and Adline Wheeler; Liberty, Elizabeth Edwards; Mt. Vernon, Bro. Thos. Gentry, Hopewell, Eld. J. C. Gillentine, sisters S. Barnes, Elizabeth Riddle and Elizabeth Sheffield; Plantersvilles, Ernest Rogers; Unity, A. B. Horten, W. N. Phillips; Oak Grove, W. F. Nichols and B. C. Mitchell; Center Hill, H. E. Partlow, which, after remarks by Bro. R. S. Thomas, was adopted.

Devotional committee reported that Eld. S. G. Cooper preach at 11 a. m. to-morrow. The following report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. R. S. Thomas, to-wit: We beg leave to submit the following: Most all the churches in our jurisdiction have had schools a portion of the time, and some have had schools most of the time, and a few have had an almost unbroken succession for several years. We have no definite data, but think a reasonable approximation would say an enrollment of 500 or 600, with an average attendance of two-thirds of the enrollment. Observation and information point conclusively to

the fact that when the Sunday School interest is greatest the churches are the most prosperous. After remarks by Eld. S. G. Cooper and others, the report was adopted. By motion adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning. Benediction by Eld. S. G. Cooper.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 12.

The Association came together at 9 o'clock. The Moderator read the 119th Psalm down to the 16th verse. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Reynolds. Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted. W. L. Hopkins read the following report on music, to-wit: "The subject of music is one that has been neglected in our churches. We would hail the day with gladness to see a revival of music in our churches. We believe it is next in importance to the preaching of the gospel. 'Sing with the spirit and with the understanding.' The gospel today is written in song. Then let us pray that this part of divine worship may have more attention than it has had in the past. That ere long it may become a part of our public schools, and be taught like other branches. We recommend all hymns, old and new, as edited by E. L. Wesson and T. A. Smith, 'Harvest Bells.' Also the A. J. Showalter Co.'s publications; and there are many other song books equally as good. Let all the people praise the Lord. 'Praise ye the Lord;' which, after remarks by Eld. J. M. Goolsby and others, was adopted.

J. M. Goolsby read the following report on Temperance, to-wit: "We find that Scripture teaches us to be temperate in all things. The very idea of temperance leads our minds to the fact that we are to use anything that is right in a modest way. We discuss temperance and make it a subject of prohibition. Temperance means the moderate use of a thing. Prohibition forbids, and especially excludes the intoxicating cup from our mouth, which is one of the curses of today. Your committee hopes and prays that the day will come when this great evil will be put out of our free America, which temperance will never do. After some criticism by W. A. Reynolds and others, the above was adopted.

Half past nine o'clock having arrived, the special order was taken up, to-wit: Missions.—W. A. Reynolds read a report on the same, as follows: "Mission is the work of giving or sending the gospel to those who have it not. The Lord's people have a high and sacred trust; to them is the gospel committed, and upon them devolves the work of giving it to others. The Lord says: 'Freely have ye received, freely give.' Again He says: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.' A great deal has been accomplished and a great deal is being done; but nothing like what we are able and could do. Fields are white, and harvests waiting. Men are offering to go and

bear the glad tidings to the lost, but the means to send them is lacking. It is high time to awake out of sleep and give, like the redeemed, to the Lord. Everyone should be glad of the opportunity to give something toward spreading the gospel from the rivers to the end of the earth." After remarks by Eld. Noah Clayton and others, a motion prevailed to adjourn until 2 o'clock for preaching and refreshments.

During recess Eld. S. G. Cooper preached an earnest sermon to a large congregation, from 10th verse 1st Chapt. 1st Cor.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together at 2 o'clock by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The report on Missions was adopted. J. M. Armstrong read the reports on Finance of Executive Board and of Treasurer, to-wit:

Finance - From Fellowship: Associational Mission, \$7.13; Minutes, 70c. Friendship: Home Mission, 25c.; Minutes, \$1.15. Mantachie: Minutes, \$1.00. Mt. Vernon: Minutes, 65c. Oak Grove: State Missions, \$3.40; Minutes, 60c. Pleasant Hill: Minutes, \$1.75. Unity: Minutes, 50c. Bethel: Minutes, \$1.00. Center Hill: Foreign Mission, \$11.35; Minutes, \$1.65. Evergreen: Minutes, \$1.00. Hopewell: Minutes, \$1.00. Liberty, Minutes, \$1.00. Plantersville: Foreign Mission, \$2.30; State Mission, \$6.50; Home Mission, \$2.20; Associational, \$5.00; Minutes, \$1.45. Richmond: Associational Mission, \$2.35; Minutes, \$1.17. Union Hill: Minutes, 75c. Boughfola: Minutes, \$1.10. Public collection: Associational, \$7.86. Total Foreign, \$13.65. State, \$9.90; Home, \$2.45; Associational, \$23.34; Minutes, \$16.57; Grand Total, \$64.91. The above was adopted.

(See treasurer's report on 8th page.)

J. J. Turner read the following report on Ministerial Education, viz: "We see the great necessity of an educated ministry. We know that an uneducated ministry can, and has done a wonderful work that is marvelous in our eyes; yet we believe that the same ministry could have done more good if they had been thoroughly educated. We believe that God holds all men accountable for the manner in which they improve the talent that he has given them. Therefore we recommend that all ministers, both young and old, to gain the most thorough education possible for them to obtain." After remarks by Eld. S. G. Cooper and others, the above was adopted.

J. M. Armstrong read a report on State of Religion, as follows: "From information received from reading the associational letters, and from other sources, we learn that the state of religion is considerably better than last year. We believe that the cause of our Master is in a more healthy condition in our Association than has been in several years past. Brethren, let

us pray and work that we may continue to prosper in the good work." After remarks by J. M. Armstrong and others, the same was adopted.

Devotional Committee report that Eld. J. M. Goolsby will preach at 11 a. m. tomorrow. Eld. W. A. Reynolds read a report on Baptist Institutions, as follows: "The chief and original of which is the Baptist church, which we find to be a natural sequence from the plain teaching of inspiration imparted, and as understood in Apostolic days, which through the dark ages, and more modern skepticism and attempted innovations has firmly held to the maintainments, the teaching of the word, and for the proper perpetuity of the doctrine of the Bible. We recommend the education of our boys at Mississippi College, and our girls at Blue Mountain Female College; each of which we believe to be entitled to our full confidence and support, since the entire corps of teachers are thoroughly competent to teach in their several departments, and richly endowed with the Christian graces." After remarks by several brethren, the same was adopted.

J. P. McCarty read a report on Literature, as follows: "First of all we recommend the reading and studying of the inspired word of God. We further recommend our State papers: The Baptist Layman and Baptist Record; also Ford's Christian Repository and the Baptist Reflector, and any other Baptist literature for Sunday-schools, excluding all union literature entirely." After some remarks, was adopted.

E. E. Estes read a report on Documents, as follows: "We find that the Union of the First district meets on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1897, with Mantachie church. Eld. W. A. Reynolds to preach the annual sermon. L. L. Houston, Alternate. Subjects and writers as follows:

- 1st. Does the word "with" in connection with Baptism imply sprinkling?—By J. B. Lucas and J. A. Martin.
2. Scriptural evidences of pardons.—By S. J. Turner.
3. What did the Savior mean by the parable of "Leaven hidden in the meal." Matt. 13th Chapt.—By J. J. Turner.
4. Is salvation conditional or unconditional? If conditional, what are the conditions?—J. S. Howerton.
5. Does the spirit operate independently of the written or preached word?—J. W. Morris.
6. An exegesis on 13th verse, 3rd chapter 1st Peter.—By W. A. Reynolds.

The Union of the Second district meets with the church at Union Hill on Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1897. Introductory sermon by J. M. Goolsby. W. H. Moore, Alternate. Subjects and writers, as follows:

1st. Exigesis of 35 verses of 13th chapter of Luke.—by P.

J. Mattox.

2. What do we learn from the 4th verse of the 17th chapter of Luke?—By J. C. Lawhorn.

3. Exigesis of 31st verse of 23rd chapter of Luke.—By J. A. Williams.

4. What does it take to constitute a Godly sorrow for sin.—J. A. Hill.

5. Who is he that is least in the Kingdom of Heaven?—By W. H. Moore.—Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved; That any brother from this Association, carrying a minute of this Association to another Association, shall be regarded as a delegate from the body.

Resolved further; That this resolution be printed in our minutes from year to year.

The following correspondents were appointed, to-wit: To State Convention—J. M. Goolsby and W. A. Reynolds. To Southern Baptist Convention—S. H. Turner; J. M. Armstrong, Alternate.

W. M. Gardner read the following report on resolutions, viz: "That we are truly thankful to the members of Bougefala church and that community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors during the present session of this body," which was adopted.

The Clerk was requested to have 300 copies of the minutes printed, and to keep the funds which were left to pay him for his trouble.

By motion the Association adjourned, to meet with the church at Friendship on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1897.

W. H. MOORE, Moderator.

S. H. TURNER, Clerk.

I have received the following amounts for minutes since the report was made: J. B. Lucas, 25c; J. J. Turner, 25c; Alford Gregory, 10c; Evergreen, 25c; Hopewell, 15c; Mt. Vernon, 25c; Richmond, 15c; Plantersville 10c.

S. H. TURNER, Clerk.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Bougefala—H Gregory, B F Gregory, E E Estes, L P McCarty.
Fellowship—A J Sandlen, A Farrar, W C Bynum.
Friendship—J L Bailey, J A Martin, W L Hopkins J D Howerton
Mantachie—W A Reynolds, J B Lucas, W E Walker.
Mt. Vernon—J W Morgan, Billie Tomlin, J H Griffin.
Oak Grove—A S Magers, H C Rushing, J J Turner.

Pleasant Hill—W M Whitaker, Tildon Martin, W M Gardner.
Unity—A J Herring, M C Raper, D. T. Phillips.
Bethel—Jno. Sheffield, L B Duvall, D R Rickerstaff, C S Gregory.
Center Hill—T Powell, J C Partin, R H Rogers.
Evergreen—W H Moore, T B Mattox, W V Mattox.
Hopewell—W J Thomas, W C Parker, P F Wallace, J W Little.
Liberty—D M Brown, J T L Brown.
Plantersville—R S Thomas, S B Thomas, R J Biggers.
Richmond—J M Goolsby, H B Lesley, P J Mattox, B Lesley.
Union Hill—J L Caine, W H Wingo, Sam Scrivner.

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J. M. Armstrong's report as Treasurer for 1896:

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSMENTS.	
To amount from last year.....	\$92 35	For Minutes.....	\$16 60
Sept. 1895, public collections.....	3 10	To W. J. Thomas.....	25 00
Dec. 1895, public collection.....	1 75	Sept. 1895.....	
For sister Gillentine.....	22 00	To Foreign Missions.....	20 00
March, '96, public collection.....	3 85	To Home Missions.....	6 00
From Evergreen.....	5 55	To State Missions.....	4 00
For sister Gillentine.....	11 50	Dec. 1895.....	
May, 1896, public collection.....	4 71	To J. M. Goolsby.....	18 75
From Boguetala.....	6 64	To sister Gillentine.....	22 00
Friendship.....	60	April 3d, 1896.....	
Hopewell.....	2 08	To J. M. Goolsby.....	6 00
Mantachie.....	2 30	June 2d, 1896.....	
Shiloh.....	25	To J. M. Goolsby.....	5 00
Unity.....	1 60	To sister Gillentine.....	11 50
Bethel.....	1 96	July 1896.....	
Liberty.....	2 15	To Foreign Missions.....	11 68
Evergreen.....	1 50	To Home Missions.....	5 78
Hopewell for.....		To J. M. Goolsby.....	5 00
Goolsby.....	5 00	To Expense to Convention.....	10 00
Total.....	\$168 89	Total.....	\$167 31

The above was adopted.

Treasury statement September 12th, 1896.

Amount from last year.....	\$92 36
Amount from Executive Committee.....	75 54
Amount from Finance Committee, 1896.....	64 91
Total.....	\$232 82
By amount paid out.....	\$167 31
Balance on hand.....	\$65 51

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Churches	Pastor	Post Office	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Fellowship	Days of Month
Boguelala	W H Moore	Mooreville	3	1	2	5	3	86	4	4
Fellowship	J M Goolsby	Saltito	3	8	4	4	4	24	1	1
Friendship	W A Reynolds	Guntown	4	4	3	4	4	76	4	4
Mantachie	W A Reynolds	Mantachie	4	4	5	5	5	81	3	3
Mt. Vernon	A N Cook	Ita	2	2	4	4	1	65	1	1
Oak Grove	W A Reynolds	Ratliff	2	6	4	4	2	118	1	1
Oak Hill		Guntown						13		
Pleasant Hill	S W Price	Tupelo	15	1	3	3	2	68	1	1
Shiloh		Kirkville						26		
Unity	J J Turner	Longville	4	4	4	4	2	34	2	2
Bethel	W A Reynolds	Ballardsville	2	1	2	2	1	106	2	2
Center Hill	J L Furgerson	Plantersville	2	2	1	1	1	69	4	4
Evergreen	W H Moore	Evergreen	1	1	1	1	1	26	2	2
Hopewell	J M Goolsby	Abney	26	2	3	11	1	164	4	4
Liberty	J W Randolph	Bigbee Fork	3	3	3	3	1	70	1	1
Plantersville	J L Furgerson	Plantersville	2	2	2	2	2	38	2	2
Richmond	J M Goolsby	Richmondlee	1	3	3	3	3	59	3	3
Union Hill	A J Osburn	Nettleton	2	2	2	2	2	56	4	4
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September 9th 10th and 11th 1897.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

ELD. W. H. MOORE, Moderator, - - Richmondlee, Miss.
STEVE H. TURNER, Clerk, - - - - Mantachie Miss.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer, - - - Nettleton, Miss.

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MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

ELD. W. J. THOMAS, - - - - Abney Miss.
ELD. J. J. TURNER, P. - - - - Mantachie Miss.
ELD. S. S. HOUSTON, - - - - Kirkville, Miss.
ELD. W. H. MOORE, P, - - - - Richmondlee, Miss.
ELD. W. A. REYNOLDS, P. - - - - Ratliff, Miss.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING—Thursday before
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MINUTES.

The Judson Baptist Association met in its Forty-Fifth session with the church at Friendship, September the 9th, 1897. Eld. St. Clair Lawrence, by request, preached the introductory sermon from Exodus., 32:26 After which a recess was taken for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reconvened at 2 o'clock by singing. The moderator in the chair, Eld. St. Clair Lawrence read the 23 Psalm and led in prayer. The churches were called and letters from the following were handed in, read and names of delegates enrolled, to wit: Boughfalla. B. F. Gregory, A. E. Gregory. E. E. Estes, with M. Mullins alternate. Fellowship, A. J. Sandlin, Eli Bynum, H. C. Cruber. Friendship, J. D. Howertown, J. B. Merchant, A. S. Majors. Mantachie, W. A. Reynolds, J. W. Morriss, S. H. Turner; J. B. Grimes alternate. Oak Grove, J. J. Turner, H. C. Rushing, R. L. Ratliff; D. Braden, alternate. Pleasant Hill, H. A. Doty, G. W. Patton, W. M. Gardner; G. O. Doty, alternate. Unity, M. J. Davidson, M. C. Raper, A. J. Herring; J. S. Strickland, alternate. Bethel, L. B. Duval, R. S. Sheffield, W. C. Kyle; W. S. Sheffield, alternate. Center Hill, L. B. Gandy. R. H. Rogers, R. L. Birmingham; W. D. Partlow, alternate. Evergreen, W. H. Moore, J. W. Ataway, W. R. Mullins; T. A. Marshal, S. B. Nabers, alternates. Hopewell, W. J. Thomas, P. F. Wallis, J. P. Mattox; E. P. McMillin, alternate. Liberty, C. Malone, J. W. Knight. Dan'l Oliver; D. W. Brown, alternate. Plantersville, R. S. Thomas, R. F. Hill, E. B. Mabry; Y. A. Herndon, alternate. Richmond, P. J. Mattox, B. Lesly, J. D. Dodson; Z. Springer, alternate. Ballardsville T. M.

The Association then went into an election for moderator, treasurer and clerk. B. R. Hampton and W. E. Thomas acting as tellers. Eld. W. H. Moore was elected moderator; J. M. Armstrong, treasurer; S. H. Turner, clerk. The following committees were then appointed to wit :

On Arrangements—J. M. Armstrong, R. S. Thomas, L. B. Gandy.

On Devotion—W. M. Gardner, R. F. Hill, J. M. Armstrong.; together with the Deacons of this church.

On Missions—W. A. Reynolds, S. H. Turner, A. L. Majors.

On Finance—J. M. Armstrong, R. S. Thomas J. A. Williams.

On Ministerial Support—J. A. Williams, P. J. Mattox A. J. Herring.

On Ministerial Education—F. M. Gregory, J. D. Howerton C. Malone.

On the use of Intoxicating Liquors—R. F. Hill, J. D. Coggins. Eli Bynum.

On State of Religion—A. E. Gregory, A. J. Sandlin P. F. Wallis.

On Literature—R. S. Thomas, J. W. Morris, W. M. Gardner.

On Manuscripts—R. J. Maddox, S. H. Turner H. C. Rushing.

On Music—W. M. Gardner, A. J. Herring C. Malone.

On Publication—J. J. Turner, S. B. Nabors J. D. Coggins.

On Orphanage—W. A. Reynolds, P. J. Mattox L. B. Gandy.

On Resolutions—J. J. Turner, L. B. Duvall P. F. Wallis.

The following report on arrangements were read to wit :

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devotional committee. Then the following committees to write, 1st. On fraternal dead. 2nd. Missions. 3rd On ministerial education. 4th. On ministerial support. 5th. Orphanage. 6th. On the use of intoxicating liquors. 7th, State of religion. 8th, Colleges and other institutions of learning. 9th. Publication. 10th. Manuscripts. 11th. Music. 12th. Finacce. 13th. Resolutions.

During preparation of the above written reports, hear Sunday school school report; appoint Sunday-school board; locate next annual meeting; appoint the one to preach introductory; appoint messengers to religious bodies; elect an executive board. Finance committee, executive board and treasurer to make their reports just before the report on resolutions.

Correspondence were called for, when Brother St. Clair Lawrence was received from Tippah and also as a representative of the Layman, and B. R. Hampton from the West Judson, W. E. Thomas and Anthony Keller were presented as visitors from the Tishomingo Petitionary letters were called for, when F. M. Gregory presented a petitionary letter from the church at Balardsville which was received and hand of fellowship extend. The time to adjourn having arrived the Association adjourned to 8,30 to-morrow morning. Benediction by St. Clair Lawrence,

FRIDAY MORNING SEPT. 10TH.

The Association came together persuant to adjournment. Eld. St. Clair Lawrence read the 32 Psalm and led in prayer. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Eld. W. F. Davis was present from west Judson. and J. W. Burress as a correspondent from the Tishomingo. Devotional committee report that Elder W. F.

knowledge of Christ. There were only seven schools represented at our last convention. Our next convention will be held at Union Hill church, three miles northeast of Nettleton, which was, after remarks by R. S. Thomas and others, adopted. The time having arrived the Association adjourned to 1.30 o'clock. During recess Eld. W. F. Davis preached a very interesting sermon to a large congregation. Text 1st Peter 5th chapter 4th verse. Benediction by Eld. St. Clair Lawrence.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together at 1.30 o'clock.

Stephen Raper aged 70, and one other name not given.
Richmond, Sister M. A. McKay, Sister I. McKinney
Brother F. M. Threlkeld, aged 93. Center Hill, J. C.
Partlow. Friendship, W. M. Bailey, a good and faithful
deacon since 1856, age 83.; Sister P. McCarley, Eliza
King, Bertie Corbet, age 53, and Brother M. R. Mears,
age 60, We have an abiding faith that they are in the
Paradise of God. Which after remarks by R. S. Thomas
and others, adopted, W. A. Reynolds read the follow-
ing report on missions : "We use the term missions as
embracing all modern efforts to evangelize the world in
accordance with the great commission of Christ, 'go ye

was after some remarks, adopted.

Bro. R. A. Hill read the following report on the use of Intoxicating Liquors, viz. "we believe the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is one of the greatest evils with which the church of Christ has to contend, and we would recommend that members of the church of Christ to touch not nor handle not. We also recommend that no member of the church vote for the sale of any intoxicating liquors; nor any person who drinks or favors the sale of any intoxicating liquors as a beverage to hold any public office" which after remarks by J. A. Williams and others, adopted. The Association then adjourned to 8.30 tomorrow morning. Benediction by the moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association came together at 8.45 by singing, prayer by the moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Devotional committee report that Elder W. A. Reynolds, will preach at 11 o'clock today. J. S. Howerton read for the committee the following report on ministerial Education: This important subject calls loudly upon our churches for faithful encouragement. Our preachers must be educated. Without it they can do but little in building up the great cause of Christ of which they are the leaders. The Lord divinely impresses the hearts of those whom he has called to the work. His admonition to all such is, "Study to show thyself a workman—approved." This implies educational preparation—faithful effort to store the mind with such knowledge as will make the man so called efficient in influencing the people to accept Christ. The Bible is the great text book of the ministerial student. In order to clearly comprehend the Bible truths which constitute the gospel, and to so pre-

sent them that they will be gladly received. Some knowledge of the laws of our languages and the sciences is needed—the more the better. Let us then encourage our young preachers to seek an education and help them by our means if necessary that they may take advantage of the schools and other agencies looking to such end, which, after remarks by J. D. Howerton and others, was adopted.

Bro. J. A. Williams read the following report on ministerial Support: We realize of a truth that our ministers do not receive in a great many instances a sufficient compensation for the labor performed, to apply themselves to the preaching of the gospel as they should. we learn from the reading of the Scriptures that the "laborer is worthy of his hire" and "they that preach the gospel should live by the gospel." Now brethren it is a fact to be lamented, that our churches do not contribute of the means that God has blessed them with to the support of the ministry as they should. We find that our pastors are poorly paid; and the churches neglect to a great extent that part of the duties enjoined upon them by the Scriptures. Now brethren the fault lies at our own doors and God will hold us responsible for a neglect of this as well as all other Christian duties. which was, after some remarks, adopted. The Association then adjourned to 1.30 o'clock. Benediction by Elder St. Clair Lawrence.

During recess Elder W. A. Reynolds preached a soul-stirring sermon from Mathew 5th chapter 16th verse, to a large congregation.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment by singing "Come thou fount." Prayer by the moderator; Elder W. A. Reynolds read the following report on Orphans Home, to wit: We believe it to be a grand institution. For we are taught in God's word that pure and undefiled religion is to visit the fatherless and wid-
 orphans in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted

...they can in support of this institution, and come up
to the help of the Lord. which was, after remarks by
Elder St. Clair Lawrence, adopted.

R. S. Thomas read the following report on Schools
and Colleges, to wit: We consider it a fact, which for a
long time has been conceded by every one, that a
practical and thorough education is necessary to fit and
prepare the mind to successfully grapple with many of
the avocations of life, in fact knowledge in trained
minds is a power in all the fields of human pursuits, yet
we should be careful not to prostitute the knowledge
obtained to mercenary uses, or seeking worldly honor or
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We take pleasure in recommending Blue Mountain Female College for girls and young ladies, while it is individual property it is a Baptist school and richly deserves liberal patronage. Since circumstances prohibit many from taking a collegiate course, we urge upon all such the importance of giving as liberal patronage as circumstance will permit, to our common or country schools. Which was after some remarks adopted.

Eldder J. J. Turner read the following report on Publication: We would recommend the following publications: For our State work we recommend The Baptist Record. The Layman and The Orphans Gem. For our Mission Work, The Foreign Mission Journal. For Sunday School Series, published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention Along with all other sound Baptist publications, which was after some remarks adopted.

P. J. Mattox read the following report on Manuscripts: We find that the Union of the 1st district meets with the church at Boughfala on Thursday before the 3rd Lord's day in August, 1898, Eld. J. J. Turner to preach the annual sermon; Eld. W. A. Reynolds, alternate.

SUBJECTS AND PERSONS TO WRITE.

1. "Is the Gift of the Holy Spirit Imparted by the Laying On of Hands?" "If Not, when did it Cease?"
—Elder. J. J. Turner.

2nd. "The Design of Baptism."—James Gregory.

3rd. "Scriptural Authority for our Church Government."—J. S. Howerton.

4th. "Was John's Baptism Christian Baptism?"—D. R. Bickerstaff.

5th. "An exegesis on Mathew 12 chapter, 42:44 verses."—Eld. W. A. Reynolds.

6th. "Is Foot Washing a Church Ordinance?"—S.

H. Turner,

We also find that the Union of the 2nd. district meets with the church at Plantersville on Thursday before the first Lord's day in August, 1898. Introductory by Eld. J. L. Furgurson; Eld. W. H. Moore, alternate,

SUBJECTS AND PERSONS TO WRITE.

1st. "Is it the duty of each member of the church to contribute to the support of the gospel at home and abroad? Produce the Scriptures bearing on the subject."—J. A. Williams and R. S. Thomas.

2nd. "Is it consistent for Baptists to affiliate with other denominations in the pulpit and in protracted meetings?"—P. J. Mattox and S. B. Thomas.

3rd. "Was John's Baptism Christian Baptism?"—W. H. Moore and R. F. Hill.

4th. "Who is my Neighbor as represented in the Scriptures?"—B. Lesley and J. M. Armstrong.

5th. "Will the Return of the Jews to Jerusalem be Before or After the Second Coming of Christ?"—Eld. J. L. Furgurson and Dr. W. J. Stegall.

Which was adopted. Eld. St. Clair Lawrence read for the Committee the following report;

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Average prosperity has attended our church work since the last meeting of your body. From the reports made in the letters we learn that most of our churches have been to some extent revived. The baptisms reported aggregate about 75; in one church, Bethel, 29 baptisms are reported. Only 2 churches within our bounds report no accessions. The mission report is not so favorable. Comparatively few churches report Sunday schools. This should be corrected and our mission donations increased. We are thankful to report no doctrinal discussions, and the churches generally at peace among the membership. Adopted.

W. M. Gardner read the following report:

REPORT ON MUSIC.

The subject of music is one that ought to be highly esteemed among Christians. We would be glad to see the day when music will receive in our churches the encouragement it should receive. We believe it to be the next in importance to the preached word. God's music prepares the minister to preach and the people to hear; we are commanded in God's word to sing and make melody in our hearts to God. We would recommend for congregational music "The Harvest Bells," and "C. C. C. No. 2," together with all other sound Baptist songs. Adopted.

J. M. Armstrong read the following report on Finance:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Bougfala, .48 cts. minutes. Fellowship, .50 cts. minutes. Mantachie, \$1.05, minutes. Oak Grove, .85 cts. Associational missions; .40 cts. minutes. Unity, \$1.05 minutes. Bethel, \$2.25 minutes. Center Hill, \$17.45 Foreign missions; \$1.00 minutes. Evergreen, \$1.00 minutes. Hopewell \$3 75 Associational missions; \$1.20 minutes. Liberty .80 cts, minutes. Plantersville, \$4.70 State Missions; \$3.59, Home missions; \$3.59; Foreign missions; \$2.29. Associational missions; \$2.25 minutes. Richmond, .25 cts. Associational missions: .65 cts minutes. Union Hill .35 cts Associational missions; \$1.20 minutes. Ballardsville. \$1.00, minutes. Pleasant Hill \$1.74 Home missions; \$1.70 Foreign mission; \$1.28 minutes. Total for State, \$4 70; Home, \$5.33; Foreign, \$22.74; Associational \$8.61; Minutes, \$15.03. Grand total, \$56.41.

Also the following for Executive Board and Treasurer Received at the Association 1896.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Foreign missions...	\$13.35		
State missions.....	9.90		
Home missions.....	2.45		
Ass'n'l missions...	22.34		
Minutes.....	16.57		
From Executive Committee 1897 from			
Hopewell.....	2.89		
Evergreen.....	7.10		
Richmond.....	6.32		
Fellowship.....	2.51		
Collected for Eld W. J. Thomas.....	19.00		
Received from Finance committee '97	57.46		
Total.....	\$159.89		
		Total.....	\$84.77
Amount on hand.....			\$75.01

Adopted. The following resolution was adopted, to wit: Resolved that the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to this church and community for their kindness and hospitality during this session of this body.

By motion, adjourned to meet with Union Hill church on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in September 1898. A song was sung and the parting hand extended. Thus closed a grand meeting of the Association.

ELD. W. H. MOORE, Moderator.
STEVE H. TURNER, Clerk.

I have received the following amounts for minutes :
Friendship. \$1.10; Oak Grove, .25 cents.

Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

We, the United Baptist churches in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letter from the following Association, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw and Bear Creek; have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of an Association, according to the following plan:

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of white male and female members; number of colored members; time of meeting; number of Baptists received by letter; restored; dismissed by letter; excluded; dead, since last Association; the name of pastor and postoffice.

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches of the Union, but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches, and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the union, who may depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel, either in faith or practice. [The fundamental principles we adopt and believe may be seen in our abstract.]

ARTICLE 4. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every hundred members above one hundred. Should any church neglect to represent herself, she shall state the reason in her letter to the next Association.

ARTICLE 5. New churches may be admitted to this body who petition by letter and delegates. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order the reception thereof to be manifested by the moderater giving the right hand.

ARTICLE 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum, of their own adoption.

ARTICLE 7. This Association shall annually elect a moderator from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions properly brought before it. Also a Clerk shall be elected whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

ARTICLE 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, which shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by their delegates, which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him as treasurer.

ARTICLE 10. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissions of churches, which shall be unanimous.

ARTICLE 11. The Association will correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ARTICLE 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach an introductory sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session; also the time and place for next Association.

ART 13. No charge will be received against any church in our union, only when established by a sister church.

ARTICLE 14. This constitution may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches composing the body.

ART. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the moderator and cl'k before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures teach that there is but one living and true God; that there are three persons in this one God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and that this triune God is the only object of all religious worship and adoration; and that all worship paid to anything else, in the name of God, is idolatry and abomination in his sight.

3rd. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness, and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence that all his posterity, by ordinary generations, are involved in all the consequences of his fall.

4th. We believe that man, by nature, has no power to recover himself from his lost and ruined condition, and that unless God Himself has provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have all sinned.

5th. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation, and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of His Son, that this way of salvation was adopted in the eternal council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6th. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all his hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption, is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7th. We believe that Jesus Christ the Eternal Son of God, is the only mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety, and in the fullness of time and sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that

He makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own and all atoning sacrifice, and perfect righteousness before God.

8th. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition; and in making the Gospel plan of mercy plain and acceptable to him.

9th. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ which is in all, and upon all them that believe.

10th. We believe that all who are called to be saints through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, Shall be eternally saved.

11th. We believe that Christian churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change of heart, and who have been regularly baptised.

12th. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man, or number of men distinct from the body. but that it is left to the whole church.

13th. We believe that the first day of the week, called the Lord's day, is sanctified or set apart for the public worship of God, and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting, trifling conversation or labor, except so much as may be devoted to works of necessity or mercy.

14th. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church, and the advancement of His Kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God in His providence may give them ability.

15th. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His church, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that Baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and that believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but regularly baptized ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal is made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to take the chair.

Art. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

Art. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

Art. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be

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laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover
and association.

Art. 9. The names of members shall be called when-
ever the association shall direct, and absentees marked;
any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission
of the Moderator.

Art. 10. The appellation of brother shall be used by
the members in addressing each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be
subject to be reproved by the Moderator but only on
the day the breach shall have been made.

Art. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to
these rules whenever a majority may deem necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Post Office	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Day of Meeting
Boughfala	S. G. Cooper	Mooreville	24							
Bethel	W. A. Reynolds	Dorsey	29	1	2	19	1	65	1	
Fellowship	W. F. Davis	Saltillo	41			9	2	129	2	
Friendship	W. A. Reynolds	Guntown	12					29	4	
Mantachie	W. A. Reynolds	Mantachie	31			5	1	63	4	
*Mt. Vernon		Ita						81	3	
Oak Grove	W. A. Reynolds	Ratliff	8	1		5	1	65	1	
Pleasant Hill	S. W. Price	Guntown						105	1	
*Shiloh		Tupelo	8	6				13		
Unity	J. J. Turner	Kirkville						64	1	
Ballardsville	S. G. Cooper	Longville	12					26		
Center Hill	J. L. Furgurson	Ballardsville	23			2	3	31	3	
Evergreen	W. H. Moore	Plantersville		1				25	4	
Hopewell	N. T. Clayton	Evergreen	24	2		4	1	68	4	
Liberty	A. J. Osborn	Abney	9					33	2	
Plantersville	J. L. Furgurson	Bigby Fork	21			9	1	169	4	
Richmond	W. H. Moore	Plantersville	3			3		91	1	
Union Hill	A. J. Osborn	Richmondlee	4	2		1		40	2	
		Allensburg				3	3	58	3	
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A notice of the next session
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 reaching by 2:30 P.M. drawing
 a large and attentive audience

At first part, Rev. Mr. Wilson
 with Bro. J. B. Gelling, moderator
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